IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

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WRIT PETITION NO : 18815 of 2005

Between:

Cherukuri Nagabhushanam,

S/o. Late Gangaiah, aged 75 years,
Occ: Agriculturist, R/o. Rayannapeta

Village, Kalakota Post, Bonakal Mandal,

Khammam District.

... PETITIONER

AND

1. The Deputy Secretary,

Freedom Fighters Division,
Ministry of Home Affairs,

Lok Nayak Bhavan, I Floor,

Khan Market, New Delhi-100 003.

2. The Under Secretary,

Freedom Fighters Division,
Ministry of Home Affairs,

Lok Nayak Bhavan, I Floor,

Khan Market, New Delhi-100 003,

3. The Prl. Secretary,

Revenue (FF) Department,

Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Secretariat, Hyderabad.

4. The District Collector,

Khammam District.

5. The District Revenue Officer,

Khammam.

....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

Aggrieved by the impugned proceedings vide F.No.112/3296/93/FF(HC) dated 13-02-2003, issued by the second respondent rejecting the application of the petitioner for grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension on par with similarly situated persons, the present writ petition has been filed.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that though his case, for sanction of Freedom fighters Pension, has been recommended by the Hyderabad Special Screening Committee, the respondents rejected his application for the same vide Proc.F.No.112/3296/93/FF(HC) dated 13-02-2003.

3. It is clear from the record in pursuance of the orders of this Court in W.P.No.22364 of 2004 dated 06/12/2004, the Government of India, by its letter dated 25-01-2005, requested the Government of Andhra Pradesh to send requisite verification-cum-entitlement to pension report after examining the representation of the petitioner dated 19-10-2004. In pursuance of the same, the District Collector, Khammam, issued notice dated 02-02-2005 directing the petitioner to appear before the District Revenue Officer, Khammam on 14-02-2005 along with the connected documents for verification. Thereafter, no action has been taken.

4. For the reasons stated above, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondents 3 to 5 to complete the enquiry with regard to eligibility of the petitioner for grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension and submit a report to the respondent Nos.1 and 2 within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and respondent Nos.1 and 2, basing on the report of the respondent Nos.3 to 5, shall take action.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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K.C.BHANU,J.

Date: 29th August 2005.

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